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Downtown grant may hinge on LID



Chamber president gives recap

Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker gave a history of the block grant and Local Improvement District efforts Sept. 27 before the Homedale City Council public hearing was opened for questions.

State money not guaranteed

Hearing reveals potential of losing funding if assessments aren't approved

Even though it already has been awarded, the City of Homedale's state grant for downtown

revitalization could be in jeopardy if the Local Improvement District isn't established.

Officials for the Idaho Department of Commerce and grant writer Sage Community Resources said last week that failure to complete the LID process potentially could lead to the termination of the \$500,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant awarded earlier this year. Both Pat Madarieta of the Department of

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Property owners learn about proposal

Engineer "bets job" that actual costs will be lower than estimates

A capacity crowd of about 25 property owners or their representatives attended last week's public hearing on Homedale's

proposed Local Improvement District.

The hearing featured the City Council, Mayor Harold

Wilson, Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker, Sage Community Resources Business and Community Development director Pat Engel, project engineer Andrew Kimmel from Project Engineering

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Voter registration deadline nears

Friday is the final day to register for in-person voting in the Nov. 3 municipal elections in Grand View, Homedale and Marsing.

Registration still will be available for those wishing to vote in-person absentee or those who will register on Election Day at their respective polling place.

Absentee ballots for the upcoming municipal elections now are available at city halls in Marsing and Homedale. There are 13 days left to file a write-in candidacy.

Citizens wishing to vote by mail-in absentee ballot have until Oct. 28 to make their requests, and the last day to request an in-person absentee ballot is Nov. 2.

Ruby Austin and Donald Young have challenged Homedale incumbents Dave Downum and Tim Downing.

In Marsing, Ray Usog, David James Ferdinand III and Dale Mendenhall run for two seats. Soila Contreras or Tony Purtell won't seek re-election.

Incumbent Marie Hipwell and former councilman Franklin Hart seek two seats in Grand View.

Marsing Clerk Janice Bicandi said that Aron Streibel will run as a write-in candidate. No write-ins have declared in Homedale. In Grand View, there is one write-in that Clerk Helana "Lani" Race has declined to identify.

No injuries in accident



Pickup driver cited after three-car wreck

A crew from DeAugustineo Towing cleans up around a GMC Envoy driven by Jake Lowder on Friday afternoon. Lowder's vehicle took the brunt of the damage in a three-car accident at the intersection of Industrial Road and U.S. Highway 95 in Homedale. Kara Neeser, who was driving a Ford F-250 pickup, was cited for failure to yield in the accident, which also involved a Ford Explorer and hot dog wagon driven by Tom Murray of Homedale. No injuries were reported.

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Idaho Power adds county's Gateway ideas

Proposed routes added to EIS database; more public comment scheduled for next year

Owyhee County has weighed in on the quest for an acceptable route for the proposed Gateway West power line.

The Board of County Commissioners sent a letter and map to several agencies involved in the siting process that outlines the county's preferred alternatives, one southern and one northern. The proposals have been included in the draft Environmental Impact Study process. Although the commissioners were asked to submit two alternatives, BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said the county prefers the southern path.

County officials and landowners and engineers from Tetrattech and Idaho Power met Monday night after deadline to discuss concerns centering on a sage grouse lek area on the county's proposed southern route, and an area near CJ Strike Dam on the northern, Hoagland said Thursday. Hoagland believed solutions could be found for both areas.

Gateway West project regulators and planners are expected to have analysis done on proposed routes from citizenship groups in March or April, with additional public

comment periods to follow, he said.

The commissioners solidified their alternative route proposals after conferring with affected citizens and business interests, including Simplot Livestock in the Grand View area, which was represented by Chuck Jones.

"It was beneficial having him on the board because some of that (power line) is going to cross some Simplot properties," BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said.

The county hand-delivered the packet to three officials with BLM and Idaho Power and mailed it to a fourth federal official based in Wyoming.

“The alternatives that are under consideration for the portion of the Gateway West Powerline proposed to transit Owyhee County are not acceptable to us,” the letter states.

The letter was sent to BLM state director Tom Dyer, BLM Gateway West project manager Walt George, Dan Minor of Idaho Power and Doug Dockter, Idaho Power's Gateway West project manager. George since has been reassigned from his project

manager position, which was a planned move.

The BLM will review all alternatives and work with project engineers to come up with a route, Hoagland said. When a route is solidified, environmental studies will be conducted, probably no earlier than next spring. Hoagland anticipates a draft Environmental Impact Study will be available in March or April for another round of public comment.

"I think they're going to take it seriously," Hoagland said of project officials' acceptance of Owyhee County's proposal. "There are a lot of people concerned."

Following a BLM request, the county developed and presented two alternate routes — one southern, one northern — for the Gateway West line. In their letter, the commissioners applied a strong preference to the northern route over the proposed southern route.

“This route places this important public works project on, with few exceptions, the lands retained in the ownership of the federal and state governments,” the letter says.



Three alternates proposed

Three alternate routes, shown in blue, for the Gateway West 500-kilovolt powerline were recently released in a map also showing the two original proposed routes in red. Owyhee County proposed the southernmost blue route and the blue path in the middle of the map as alternatives.

of the northern route.

The commissioners have asked that their two proposed routes be included in the draft EIS and that the original route proposed by BLM and Idaho Power be dropped from the document.

The county's proposed northern route will follow Idaho Power's proposed path through the county until the vicinity of the Bruneau Sand Dunes, at which point it diverts and heads along the peninsula between the Snake and Bruneau rivers, Hoagland said.

According to Hoagland:

The line crosses the Snake River at CJ Strike Dam and then crosses back into Owyhee County at Swan Falls. From the point that it re-enters the county, the county's preferred route stretches to the northwest along Murphy Flat on the south side of Sinkler Creek and to the north of private farm ground. Just before reaching the Con Shea Basin, the route turns west and heads toward the Rabbit Creek Trailhead, where it turns again and heads directly for Hemingway Butte substation currently under construction.

“We tried to avoid as much private property as possible,” Hoagland said.

The District 1 commissioner from Wilson said that private ground affected by the county's northern preference could include some Simplot Co. ground on the north side of the Snake and possibly some parcels between the Bruneau Sand Dunes and CJ Strike Dam.

The southern route heads south from the sand dunes, paralleling the Bruneau River. At the mouth of Bruneau Canyon, the line would turn to avoid private property before looping behind Grand View, Bruneau and Oreana. The line passes near Sinker Creek and travels about a mile outside Murphy before connecting at Hemingway.

Hoagland said he gets the impression that Idaho Power prefers the county's proposed southern route, but there could be problems with environmental groups because of the presence of sage-grouse leks.

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Planning meeting roughs in powerline routes

No maps yet available on dozen potential courses for B2H

After months of work and hundreds of hours of meetings, discussion and planning, members of the Project Advisory Teams (PATs) involved in the Community Advisory Process (CAP) for the planned Boardman-to-Hemingway powerline came together last week to pencil in alternate routes for the 350-mile project.

Those involved in the CAP process rendezvoused in Ontario, Ore., last week and, using GIS software, plotted a skein of potential routes from Boardman, Ore. to the under-construction Hemingway Butte substation north of Murphy. Dozens of community, corporate and organizational representatives — including some from Owyhee County government and grassroots organizations — took part in the mapping.

Unfortunately, no map showing the dozen or so alternate routes plotted in each of the three regions that comprise the line is yet available from Idaho Power.

McCurdy said that Idaho Power was leery of releasing early maps, after earlier proposed routes were too often seen as fixed rather than simply suggested.

Stephanie McCurdy, communication specialist for Idaho Power, said that a route map wouldn't be released until analysis of proposed routes had been done. Kent McCarthy, Idaho Power planner and manager for the CAP, said input was to be taken from some outlying areas not previously involved, such as Harney County and Grant



Members of the Community Advisory Process on the Boardman-to-Hemingway powerline project plotted alternative routes on Wednesday and Thursday in Ontario, Ore. Photo submitted by Idaho Power

County in Oregon. Those counties are now involved because some of the suggested alternates cross them.

Once an initial analysis of the feasibility of the routes is done, the information will first be brought to the PAT members for another round of input as to which will be pursued, McCurdy said.

Of the 130-or-so routing suggestions entered, many were in accordance with or endorsed Stop Idaho Power's suggested

routes, McCurdy said.

McCarthy said planners had done a good job of working around the many restrictions and limitations imposed by various government agencies, landscapes and usage. Some routes involved plots through National Forest land, and McCurdy said a meeting with the Forest Service was to be held to discuss possible impacts or concerns.

The next stage in the process will be to find those routes that are the best balance

between impact, cost and technical difficulty, McCarthy said. At some point, likely in November or later, initial maps of potential routes should be put together for public perusal. Rounds of public meetings would follow, prior to the routes being submitted for a draft Environmental Impact Statement by the Bureau of Land Management, in accordance with National Environmental Protection Act rules.

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Comment period on proposed nuisance ordinance still open

County residents have until Tuesday to file views in Murphy

Time is running out for the public to comment on Owyhee County's proposed nuisance ordinance. The deadline to submit comments to the clerk's office in Murphy is Tuesday. The Board of County Commissioners called for the comment period to gauge the public's opinion of an ordinance aimed at helping abating junk piles and weed patches and to curtail barking dogs and to see whether continuing with the ordinance process — which include public hearings — would be necessary.

Copies of the proposed language are available at the Owyhee County Annex, 19 Reich St., in Marsing, the county clerk's office, 20381 Hwy. 78 in Murphy, and Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. The ordinance also is available for review on the county's Web site under the Commissioners tab as part of the "Commissioners agenda and minutes" section.

Written public comment will be received at the clerk's office, P.O. Box 132, Murphy, ID 83650.

The commissioners aren't scheduled to vote on the ordinance yet.

The ordinance would address areas of the county that are outside the city limits of Grand View, Homedale and Marsing. The merits of the ordinance have been discussed at various times by the county commissioners since Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery and deputy prosecutor Chuck Saari introduced the language in the spring.

The ordinance under consideration would:

- Make unlawful to keep 10 or more non-operable motor vehicles on property for more than 30 days unless they are placed behind a fence to conceal them from view from the street or by neighbors.
- The ordinance does not prohibit the restoration of motor vehicles as a non-commercial hobby as long as fewer than 10 vehicles are stored and no health or safety hazards are created. Licensed salvage yards are exempt, and Idaho Code 22-4503 exempts agriculture operations from being nuisances.
- Prohibit animals in public places, with the exception of service animals, such as seeing-eye dogs.

- Make it illegal to leave a dog or other animal unattended in a vehicle without proper ventilation.
- Make it unlawful for any dog owner to "willfully fail" to control his animal to prevent disturbing the peace from barking.
- Enforce weed abatement on properties.

In the event of a nuisance, the property or animal owner would be given written notice of the situation, either by personal service or certified mail. At that point, the owner has 10 days to abate the violation. If the abatement doesn't occur, a citation can be issued.

The Board of County Commissioners would have the authority to order the removal of the nuisance after 10 days' notice, with the cost of the removal being charged to the property owner. If the bill isn't paid within 30 days, a lien can be placed on the property.

The first violation of the ordinance would be an infraction. A person who violates the ordinance more than two times in a five-year period would be charged with a misdemeanor.

A separate offense would be logged for every 10 days that the nuisance isn't abated, according to the proposed ordinance.

Proposed mill goes before P&Z today

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission today will hear a mining company's application to build a mill off Silver City Road.

Silver Falcon Mining Inc., which has removed tailings from War Eagle Mountain in an effort to extract precious metals from the ore, has applied to re-zone a 20-acre parcel on Ridge Road from rangeland to heavy industrial in order to build a processing plant, according to a letter from Silver Falcon CEO Pierre Quiliam to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

The letter is part of the application packet submitted to the county P&Z department.

The hearing takes place at 11 a.m. today at the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex building in Murphy.

Silver Falcon has finalized the purchase of a pre-manufactured steel building for its mill, according to the company's Web site.

The 2,980-square-foot insulated structure will house the ore processing equipment and the company's offices will be nearby, according to the letter to state DEQ.

The letter states that the mill will be capable of processing 30 tons of material per day.

At 10 a.m., today, the P&Z commission is scheduled to make a decision after hearing an application from Wes and Jessica Macmillan to build two dwellings on their 67-acre parcel off Hot Creek Road in Bruneau.

RAC meets in Boise

The agenda for today's Bureau of Land Management's Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting includes a Native American Tribal and cultural education presentation; updates on renewable energy projects in the district and implementation of the Owyhee Public Lands Management Act; discussion of juniper mastication in Owyhee County; and feedback on preliminary maps for the Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave.

Oral public comment will be taken at noon and again at 4:30 p.m. Written comments may also be submitted.

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Law enforcement briefs

Homedale police received a report of an abandoned car at Don’s Auto on Main Street in Homedale at 10 a.m. Thursday. The report has led to a case, as a glass pipe was visible in the seat of the vehicle when police investigated.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller confirmed that the pipe tested positive for methamphetamines, and that the owner of the blue Toyota was known and an investigation was under way.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office logs showed the arrest of Earl E. True, 27, of Melba on a \$1,500 Owyhee County warrant just before 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 in Canyon County. True was wanted for failure to appear at a hearing connected with a misdemeanor DUI charge in December, 2007. True was booked and released into the custody of his mother

on Thursday, and is slated for a pretrial conference on Oct. 19.

James T. Couch, 35, of Melba was arrested 6 p.m. Sunday by Deputy Isaac Gordon and charged with battery at a residence on Old Bath House Lane in Melba. No details were available on the incident.

Sherrill E. Beattie, 44, of Parma, was cited following an accident incurring property damage on Saturday at 8:18 a.m. near milepost 20 on Idaho highway 78 near Melba. No details were available on the incident.

The incident log showed that Deputy Gordon recovered stolen property on Pershall Road near Marsing, Saturday at approximately 10 p.m.

No details were provided, but the incident is marked as an active case.

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The Rural Telephone’s building on the hill at Cherry Creek is alive with activity at this time. Big rolls of fiber optic cable are there and they have part of it laid. They will have some rough country to go though to get it all in. Several camp trailers are parked there, and they expect it to take about a month to complete.

Three Creek school is in progress with Marilyn Boss taking on her seventh year of teaching. Pupils are Kodee Lyn Severe in the third grade and Teijen Grey Severe in kindergarten. They are from Devil Creek Ranch. David William Brackett from Cherry Creek Ranch is another kinder-

gartener.

The Simplot ranches are now full of cattle from Three Creek to Cedar Creek. They didn’t put up any hay, so they are knee-deep in grass.

Kip Gould and J. R. Robinson made a trip to Kip’s ranch at Charleston, Nev., recently. While there, they got gold fever and tried panning for gold.

Gus and Kimberly Brackett of Cherry Creek Ranch are a busy young couple. Kimberly is a correspondent for the Times-News, and she is a good one. Gus and Lynn Schaal have co-authored a book “On A Rock”. It’s on building a solid financial foundation. Gus gave three-hour workshops

at Twin Falls College of Southern Idaho (CSI) and Gooding Northside CSI in September.

My fun excursions were getting to spend six days going to Eugene, Ore., with Marilyn Ramsey and visiting my sister, Cindy Plott, and family.

Among my interesting visitors was Miss Owyhee County, Mary O’Malley, and Sue Clark and daughter Cathy. Sue said Mary’s mother, Helen Nettleton, was her Girl Scout leader years ago. Another interesting visitor was Cindy Salo from the Sage Ecosystem Science Corp. Last but not least were John and Mickey Allen, cousins from Rangely, Colo., who brought me a cold.

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in the Avalanche*

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Local Improvement District counsel lines out what’s next

Another round of public hearings will be scheduled if the official petition results give the Homedale City Council a mandate to start a Local Improvement District, according to a timeline detailed last week by municipal bond attorney Stephanie Bonney.

The council still could vote to form an

LID if the property owners reject the idea, though.

If the LID is approved and individual 10-year assessments survive a round of protest hearings, each property owner will have 30 days from the point that the council passes the LID ordinance to pay their total

assessment or part of it and opt to make payments. After the 30 days, bonds are issued and payment plans established.

Property owners can elect to pay their total obligation off at any time. But, according to Idaho Code 50-1715, the owners will be responsible for the balance

of their assessment plus interest and penalties as well as “additional interest” at the bond rate from the last payment due date to one year after the next interest date on the bonds.

Payments that are late by 20 days or more will be subject to a two percent penalty.

✓ Money: Chance of losing block grant is news to at least one councilman

Commerce and Pat Engel from Sage said that future attempts to secure grant funding definitely would be affected if the city doesn’t follow through with an LID for the previously determined downtown core included Idaho Avenue and a four-block area centered on Main Street.

“If that doesn’t go forward, I would not think this grant is a shoe-in,” Engel said of the LID during a public hearing Sept. 29 at Homedale City Hall.

“That could jeopardize this grant, and it could very possibly jeopardize any future grants to the city of Homedale from this funding source, because that grant was made based on a commitment from the local community.”

Earlier in last week’s hearing, Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker said Idaho Avenue could “potentially” still get sidewalks, curbs, gutters and street lighting improvements if the city fails to obtain approval for

the LID from 60 percent of the affected property owners, who encompass more than 100 parcels along the district designated for revitalization.

“If the LID does not go through then the property owners on Idaho Avenue are going to get the stated improvements that are on your property,” Parker said.

“Even if the LID does not pass, you’ll potentially then receive those improvements. The hope is then we’d collectively come

together as a community and see the benefit of leveraging these dollars ... to make more of ... these infrastructure improvements in the downtown area.”

Madarieta said that the final decision to pull the plug on the grant would be up to the Economic Advisory Council and Commerce director Donald A. Dietrich after the city submitted in writing that it could not fulfill the obligation of starting an LID.

But Madarieta said that the

grant was awarded based on the city’s commitment that it would pursue an LID.

“My feeling the whole time has been that what (the Economic Advisory Council) wanted us to do was make a sincere effort to get an LID passed,” City Councilman Tim Downing said.

“And we’ve made a sincere effort. The effort certainly has been made.”

— JPB

✓ LID: City representatives to give presentation to school trustees Monday

Consultants Inc., and Stephanie Bonney, an attorney specializing in LIDs.

Many property owners’ questions regarding the proposed LID were addressed, and Bonney shed more light on the LID process as well as how assessments could be paid if the district was formed.

Although Parker, Wilson and Western Alliance for Economic Development coordinator Mike Pollard have met some of property owners to discuss estimated assessments and gauge the acceptance level — something that Wilson put at 90 percent last week — there still is a formal petition process that must be carried out, Bonney said. That petition has not been drafted yet.

“It sounds like the petition that has been circulating is just to get an indication of interest,” Parker said during the meeting.

Bonney confirmed that agencies such as the South Board of Control, the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency and the Homedale School District were exempt from LIDs, but the directors or trustees could vote to take part in the assessment district.

Homedale LID officials already have made a presentation to the COSSA board. The Homedale school board will hear about the LID at its Monday meeting, superintendent Tim Rosandick said.

Organizations such as the Homedale American Legion, Silver City Masonic Lodge and the

Homedale Senior Citizens Center — though tax-exempt — were not exempt from LID obligations, Bonney said.

Wilson said the city already has budgeted \$60,000 to pay for improvements along East Idaho Avenue near City Park and West Wyoming Avenue in front of City Hall.

Some property owners still were unclear on how much their assessments could be. Mike Matteson asked for a “worst-case scenario” idea of his business properties’ assessment if the school district and South Board opted out of the process.

Kimmel said that the current numbers are “purely, purely estimates” based on construction

price data from Ada and Canyon counties spanning 2008 until March 2009.

“Since then, we’ve seen a drastic decline in construction costs,” Kimmel said.

He said he would bet his job on the fact that the final construction cost for the project would be lower than the projected \$779,636.

Darlene Metzger, who has downtown property interests, said she has been waiting to hear from officials since April and still has not seen new assessment figures.

Wilson said property owners could pick up the new figures after the hearing, seven days after Kimmel had returned new assessment figures to the city. The retooling became necessary after

the first batch developed by City of Caldwell LID expert Tim King were erroneous. Wilson said during the hearing that King had been “let go”. City clerk and treasurer Alice Pegram clarified the mayor’s statement Thursday morning, saying that King’s services were no longer required because the process had moved into a new phase, which hastened Bonney’s appearance at the hearing.

“The City of Homedale is now at a point with the development of the proposed LID we no longer require the assistance of Caldwell,” Pegram wrote in an e-mail. “We are now working with a bond/LID attorney.”

— JPB

Wedding

Bowen/Bristlin

Marsing grad weds in Calif.

Terry and Sharon Bristlin of Valley Center, Calif. are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kristy Bristlin to Andy Bowen son of Richard and Pat Bowen of Marsing.

The couple was married at the Marina Village in San Diego, Calif. on July 18, 2009.

Kristy is a graduate of Escondido High and currently attends Palomar College in San Marcos, Calif. working on her RN degree. She will be graduating in December.

Andy is a graduate of Marsing High, Great Lakes Naval Base, Ill., and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M. Andy is employed



Sharon Bristlin, left, and Pat Bowen wed July 18

as a Border Patrol officer on the California-Arizona border.

Andy and Kristy are residing in Yuma, Ariz.

Death notices

PHYLLIS L. BAUER, 80, of Homedale, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009, at a Caldwell retirement center. Arrangements are pending with Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

R. STARR FARISH, 96, father of Melody (Doug) Cook of Marsing, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, in Caldwell. Arrangements are through Dakan Funeral Chapel.

PRISCILLA MAY ROSS (PERCY), 84, died at home on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009. A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church in Homedale. Graveside services followed at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

Celebration of life for Echeverria set

A celebration of life for Frances Echeverria of Homedale will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at the Homedale Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W. Echeverria died Aug. 31 at the age of 94.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Oct.. 7: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.
- Oct.. 8: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, fruit & veggie bar, fruit rollup, milk.
- Oct.. 9: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
- Oct.. 12: No school.
- Oct.. 13: Chicken tenders or country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct.. 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

Homedale Middle

- Oct... 7: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct... 8: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct... 9: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct... 12: No school.
- Oct... 13: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.
- Oct... 14: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Homedale High

- Oct... 7: Enchilada, burrito, pizza hot pocket or baked potato, fruit & salad bar, milk.
- Oct... 8: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, turnover, milk.
- Oct... 9: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 12: No school.
- Oct... 13: Beef nuggets or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 14: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk.

Marsing

- Oct... 7: Tacos, rice, Red Baron pizza, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 8: Turkey noodle soup, corn & roll, beef nuggets, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 9: Hot dog, baked beans, veggie, sub sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 12: Tator tot casserole, tacos, cinnamon twist, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 13: Corn dog, veggie, baked potato, chocolate pudding, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct... 14: Mac & cheese, veggie, burrito, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

- Oct 7: Lasagna, salad/croutons, garlic breadsticks, fruit, milk.
- Oct 8: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll/butter, apple crisp, milk.
- Oct 9: Turkey sandwich, baked chips, veggie sticks, apples, milk, cookie.
- Oct 12: Corn dog, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.
- Oct 13: Chicken fajita, refried beans, stir fry veggie, mandarin oranges, milk.
- Oct 14: Cheese yum, salad/croutons, celery & carrots, raisins, milk.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

- Oct. 7: BBQ beef on bun
- Oct. 8: Stir fry beef
- Oct. 13: Spaghetti
- Oct. 14: Baked Fish

Marsing Senior Center

- Oct. 7: Lasagna, salad bar, peaches, roll, peanut butter cookies, milk.
- Oct. 8: Chicken supreme, Italian vegetables, noodles, French bread, peach cobbler, milk.
- Oct. 12: Closed.
- Oct. 13: Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, green salad, peas, roll, cake and ice cream, milk.
- Oct. 14: Fish fillets or chef's choice, macaroni and cheese, salad, broccoli, peas, cauliflower, roll, cookie, milk.

Obituary

Donald N “Newt” Wright

Donald N “Newt” Wright, long-time horse trainer and farrier, passed away September 21, 2009, at Bozeman, Montana of a sudden illness. Newt was active right up until the end, in fact he had been working horses the day before he was stricken with a virulent bacterial infection

Newt was born April 30, 1935, at Hardin, Montana to Maxon T. “Ted” Wright and Marian Castle Wright and grew up in several small towns in Montana and Wyoming.

He served in the Army in post-war Korea. Following his military service he attended farrier classes at California Poly Tech in San Luis Obispo. Later he was one of the instructors there. He spent

time studying cattle genetics and range management while running his own cattle. He trained horses for all phases of ranch work as well as competed in working cow horse, cutting, reining and roping competitions. Horses he trained went on to win in the show arena and on the rodeo circuit for other riders.

Newt spent many years in Owyhee County in Idaho and several places in Oregon.

More recently he has divided his time between the Cave Creek/Scottsdale area of Arizona and Wilsall, Montana.

Newt is survived by daughter Courtney Chappell, Flagstaff, AZ, son Newt Chappell, presently serving in Afghanistan, sister

Dorothy “Dot” Wiggins of Eagle ID, sister Micky Buddingh of Palm Desert, CA, brother Jim Creach of Glendo WY, as well as several nieces and nephews.. He is also survived by former wife Annie Reynolds, Glenns Ferry ID. He was preceded in death by his parents and former wife Linda Phares Wright.

No services are planned at this time. A celebration of his life will be held later.

Newt’s web site www.newt-wright.com will be updated with information about gatherings in memory of Newt. Please visit his site and leave comments, stories, and remembrances. These will be compiled and shared at his celebration!

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Calendar

Today

County P&Z Commission meeting
10 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse Annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095

Line dancing lessons
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

TRIAD meeting
1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

Homedale American Legion meetings
7 p.m., American Legion and Auxiliary meetings, Homedale American Legion Post 32 Hall, 16 E. Owyhee Ave.

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Weed Management Area, USDA office, N. 250 Old Bruneau Hwy., Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Thursday

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Narcotics Anonymous book study
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting
8 p.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Friday

Story Time at library
10:15 a.m., children’s story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419

Breast cancer benefit
“Fight Night” for Nicole Cassity, 5 p.m. tri-tip dinner, \$10 adults, \$6 children; 7:30 p.m., Texas Hold’em Tournament, \$20; silent auction throughout, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. <http://ifightlikeagirl.wordpress.com/>

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program
6:30 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., meeting, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

Saturday

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4, public welcome, bring finger foods, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Owyhee County Democrats meeting
6 p.m., the Spot Pizza Parlor, 12 Sandbar Ave., Marsing

“Let’s Talk About It” book club
7 p.m., 16 years old and older, free, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church,

17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale

Tuesday

Flu shot clinic
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens card games
1 p.m., bridge and pinochle, free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Jordan Valley City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 306 Blackaby Street, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2460

Marsing Legion and Auxiliary meetings
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Marsing school board meeting
8 p.m., district office board room, 209 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Wednesday

Homedale Senior Center board meeting
1 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Line dancing lessons
1 p.m. to 2 p.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave.. Grand View. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Thursday, Oct. 15

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library meeting
6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Narcotics Anonymous book study
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy 95 S., Homedale

Friday, Oct. 16

Story Time at library
10:15 a.m., children’s story, activity and refreshments, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery 12-step program
6:30 p.m., dinner; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., meeting, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520

Saturday, Oct. 17

Lizard Butte Library fun run
8 a.m., registration; 8:30 a.m. start; 5 kilometers, \$25 entry; 1 mile, \$15 entry, Marsing City Park. lizardbuttelibrary@yahoo.com or (208) 896-4690

Marsing Harvest Fest parade
9 a.m., parade lineup; 9:45 a.m., parade, downtown Marsing. (208) 896-7001



Bet You Didn’t Know

Nobel namesake developed plywood, too

Everyone knows that Alfred Nobel was the inventor of dynamite. You might not know he was also the inventor of plywood ...

Ever notice that the high sugar cereals are always placed at the eye level of children? Now you will.

The meaning of the word ... “Mississippi” is ... big river ... what else could it be?

Why does Mickey Mouse only have four fingers?

The blue-green algae that flamingos eat is what causes their feathers to turn pink ...

The word hijack comes from a term used during the prohibition ... seems it was common when a place was being held up for the gunman to yell out “High,

Jack” to indicate that everyone should raise their hands over their head ...

The most widely sung song in English is ... “Happy Birthday to You”. This was adapted from the song “Good Morning to You” by Mildred and Patty Hill. Good for them.

1894 baseball rules designated that home plate was 60 feet and 6 inches from the edge of the mat embedded in the pitchers mound. Until then the distance had been 50 feet.

The flight recorder on airplanes commonly known as the black box isn’t ... it’s orange.

— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com*

Little Red Hen gets story time spotlight at library

Story time at Homedale Public Library will feature, “Little Red Hen” by Paul Galdone at 10:15 a.m. Friday.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave. For more information, call 337-4228 Monday through Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

In the story to be shared during a pajama party, the Little Red Hen finds grains of wheat on the ground and asks for help in planting it.

But her lazy roommates, the dog, the cat and the mouse, all refuse to help plant and tend the wheat to make a cake. So Little Red Hen does all the work herself, but when the cake is ready to eat, her friends are eager to help. Will they learn their lesson and help out with chores or will Little Red Hen eat the cake by herself?

Along with the story there will be singing, refreshments and crafts.

Lizard Butte Library receives new telephone

Librarians at Lizard Butte Library will be able to answer the phone on the run, following a donation of a new portable phone system from the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library (FLBL) according to a release from FLBL secretary Dottie Christensen.

Christensen said money for the gift were raised through book sales and other fundraising

efforts. The FLBL meets the third Thursday of each month at the Lizard Butte Library at 6 p.m. The meetings are open to the public and last about an hour, Christensen said. Those interested in volunteering to help the FLBL and the library itself are welcome and encouraged to attend, she said.

Weather			
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Sept. 29	78	39	.00
Sept. 30	63	39	.00
Oct. 1	56	26	.00
Oct. 2	61	29	.00
Oct. 3	53	41	.00
Oct. 4	47	41	.00
Oct. 5	66	33	.34

National Public Lands Day helps clean up Owyhee County

by M.J. Byrne, BLM public affairs specialist

Did you know that that more than one-third of the land in America is ours — public land — where we can all hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic, or just plain relax? In Owyhee County, more than 76 percent of the land is publically owned. Every year, the Bureau of Land Management hosts an event called National Public Lands Day. It is a day when more than 130,000 volunteers around the nation will build trails and bridges, pull invasive weeds, plant trees, remove trash, and have fun getting back to nature.

To celebrate the first annual National Public Lands Day in Owyhee County, a dedicated group of more than 30 volunteers gathered to spend Sept. 26

filling up two large Dumpsters with all kinds of trash that has been dumped near their favorite recreation areas. Volunteers participated from the Southern Idaho Desert Racing Association, Idaho State 4x4 Association, Northwest Cruisers of Idaho and the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society. Areas covered included Hemingway Butte, Chalky Butte, Kane Springs, Reynolds Creek Road, “45” (Scorpion Creek), Rabbit Creek, Fossil Creek, and land adjacent to the Blue Canoe Restaurant.

The Kuna Trail Riders OHV Club continued the celebration, by volunteering their time on Thursday and Friday, to clean-up Sinkers Creek, Silver City and Diamond Basin areas. The OHV

club also installed posts for street signs in Silver City. They planned on filling up a large dumpster BLM had placed at the Silver City/Old Stage Coach Road Junction. On Saturday evening, a chili cook-off was held with Board of County Commissioners chair, Jerry Hoagland and BLM Boise District public affairs officer MJ Byrne among the chili judges.

To thank the volunteers for their hard work, BLM handed out T-shirts, water bottles and free passes to recreation sites where fees are charged.

“We really appreciate all the work of these and other volunteers throughout the year,” said Ryan Homan, BLM’s recreation planner for the Owyhee Field Office.



Helping hands of all sizes turn out for NPLD sweep

Volunteers of all ages, including 3 year old Sam Vogt, left, helped with the trash pick-up.
Below: Members of the NW Cruisers of Idaho cleaned up the area around “45” (Scorpion Creek)
Photos courtesy M.J. Byrne



BLM briefs

Assessments and courts

Rangeland Health Assessments have been completed in the Castlehead-Lambert Allotment, located about 100 miles southeast of Jordan Valley. An interdisciplinary team of Owyhee Resource Specialists completed the work, the BLM release said.

Teams included riparian crews that logged stubble height, willow browse, and stream-bank stability monitoring in the Pole Creek and South Mountain Area allotments, located approximately 20 miles southeast of Jordan Valley. An additional three seasonal specialists helped complete this work.

Three seasonal specialists also completed the remainder of nested frequency trend (vegetation studies) in various allotments across the Owyhee Resource Area. This crew spent August completing trend data collection in the remote areas of the Garat, Trout Springs, and Pole Creek allotments, located directly west and adjacent to the

Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Indian Reservation.

The Owyhee Field Office had 11 seasonal specialists this summer.

The status of the Nickel Creek Allotment, following a Western Watersheds Project appeal in February 2008 to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), is still largely up in the air, Green confirmed. The BLM was awaiting a motion of hearing before Federal District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill. Lawyers for both sides were slated to present motions for consideration. No decision has been announced.

Grazing in the allotment was initially approved for 2009. A 128-page decision in 2007 remanded to the BLM for further research after a decision was made that proper adjustments for usage had not been carried out. That decision was later reversed by the IBLA, allowing grazing in 2008. Western Watersheds then began the current appeals process.

Wild horse gather

Helicopters and cowboys will again be rounding up mustangs in the rough country of the Owyhees this October. An environmental assessment is in final review for a gather slated for November, the release stated.

The roundup will occur in two Herd Management Areas (HMAs). One is located in the BLM’s Owyhee field office’s area, and the other HMA is watched over by Four Rivers field office.

The Sands Basin HMA encompasses 11,715 total acres within the Owyhee field office and is approximately 10 miles southwest of Marsing. The Four-Mile HMA encompasses 18,034 total acres within the Four Rivers Field Office and is approximately 15 miles north of Emmett.

A Notice of Public Scoping requesting comments from the public on the roundup was published earlier this year on the BLM’s Web site. Consultations regarding the upcoming gather have taken place with officials from Owyhee

County and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, according to the release.

The final environmental assessment was forwarded to the BLM’s Idaho State Office and the Wild Horse National Program Leads for review. The proposed action is to gather 144 horses and remove 107 horses from the Four-Mile HMA, and gather 132 horses, removing 99, from the Sands Basin HMA.

The BLM release specified that all mares would be released back to the HMA(s) after being treated with a contraceptive.

BLM prescribed burn planned for Juniper Point

When cooler temperatures and scattered rain showers return and improved range and forest conditions, the Bureau of Land Management’s Vale District office will implement a fall/winter prescribed burning program, according to a BLM Oregon release.

Jordan Valley residents may see some smoke when a planned Juniper Point burn begins later this season. The target area, 50

acres of jackpot burning, is located in the Owyhee River drainage, approximately 18 miles south of Jordan Valley.

Who to call at the BLM
Grazing permit questions
Call Jake Vialpando, 896-5916

Grazing permit comments
Buddy_Green@blm.gov
Mail to: Buddy Green
BLM Owyhee offices,
20 First Avenue West,
Marsing, ID 83639

BLM Owyhee Office contact information
Web: www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/owyhee.html
Phone: 208-896-5912
Fax: 208-896-5940
E-Mail: id_owyhee_fo@blm.gov
Field Manager: Buddy Green
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:30pm, M-F

BLM recent and upcoming activities

More than half of the following actions have arisen from, or are influenced by, the recently passed Owyhee Initiative. Remapping of wilderness areas, federal lands (Cadastral) surveying, new wilderness maps, information kiosks, determining facilities and access needs and the Wild and Scenic River maps are all outgrowths of the legislation.

August 2009

- Re-assign staff to Owyhee Management Act Implementation team and begin process to hire additional personnel such as Outdoor Recreation Planners and Park Rangers;
- Document boundary and “cherry stem” road conditions;
- Order boundary signs and begin designing new information kiosks; design and order updates for old Wild and Scenic Area kiosk maps;
- Have wilderness area maps with geographic features available to the public;
- Began the process of describing legal boundaries;
- Began updating river brochures and maps;

September 2009

- Have wilderness boundaries marked along all major routes;
- Complete accurate maps and information including Frequently Asked Questions, regarding the “Do’s and Don’ts of Wilderness”, and have these available prior to the fall hunting season;
- Prioritize federal lands survey needs that have been identified to date and initiate;

October 2009

- Install new kiosk maps;
- Complete boundary signing along all roads;
- Initiate livestock grazing improvement inventory;
- Gather range improvement/facilities and future access needs information requested from permittees that now have wilderness in their allotments;

Winter/Spring 2009-2010

- Continue inventories and federal land surveys as weather conditions and access allow;
- Initiate travel management planning process;
- Develop interim Wilderness access Terms & Conditions for grazing permittees and other authorized users prior to spring grazing season;
- Complete river map and brochure updating;

Spring/Summer 2010

- Complete livestock grazing improvement inventory;
- Continue refining wilderness maps and legal descriptions through field verifications;
- Prepare Wild and Scenic River (WSR) boundary maps;
- Document WSR existing conditions, and;

September 2010

- Complete all official maps and boundary descriptions and submit to the Department of the Interior for their submittal to Congress as required by OMA.

Part of historic Bruneau ranch open to youth hunting

Turner Ranch, a wildlife habitat located south of Bruneau and owned by Idaho Power, is open for youth bird hunting through Jan. 31.

Youths ages 10-15 can hunt for waterfowl, ring-necked pheasant, mourning dove and California quail.

The hunt marks a first-time partnership between the utility company and the Treasure Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever. Turner Ranch has been open to upland game and waterfowl youth hunts since Sept. 19.

For more information on the hunts, go to www.idahopf.com.

According to an Idaho Power press release, the historic ranch property will give youth hunters access to previously inaccessible spaces and help them learn about natural resources and develop a hunting tradition without the pressure of competing with adults. The youth hunt is open on 270 of the ranch's 346 acres.

Idaho Power purchases the Clayton A. Turner Ranch in August 2007 to fulfill a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission mandate to mitigate for 170 acres of riparian habitat impacted by hydropower operations downstream of the C.J. Strike Dam. The ranch is one of six Idaho Century Farms in Owyhee County.

Benjamin Hawes homesteaded the ranch in the 1800s, and the Turner family eventually took ownership. Benjamin's son, Joseph, married the daughter of John and Emma Turner, who are generally accepted as the first Euro-American settlers in the Bruneau Valley.



The Turner Ranch offers youth bird hunts through Jan. 31. Photo submitted by Idaho Power.



The poached deer as it was found in the Cow Creek Road/Trout Creek Road area. Submitted photo

F&G investigates poached mule deer

Idaho Fish and Game is seeking information from anyone who may have seen someone shoot a mule deer buck in Unit 40 in rural Owyhee County.

A two-point mule deer buck was shot in the Cow Creek Road/ Trout Creek Road area during the week of Sept. 14-18. The deer was shot off the road with a high-powered rifle, and no meat from the deer was taken.

The entire carcass was untouched, and all the venison was wasted. If you were in the area and saw someone involved with this poaching please contact Idaho Fish and Game Officer Craig Mickelson at (208) 989-9328 or the Citizens Against Poaching (CAP) hotline at (800) 632-5999. Calls may remain anonymous.

The general any weapon antlered two-point mule deer season in Unit 40 opens Oct. 10 and closes Oct. 24. The controlled hunt for antlered mule deer runs Nov. 1 to Nov. 24.

Mickelson reported that neither Fish and Game nor CAP have received any information on the recent dumping of a wasted elk at the ION truck stop outside of Marsing.

Big game seasons opening soon throughout units 40-42

Hunters can soon sight in their rifles and begin planning their hunts, as big game seasons kick off in late September and early October for most species. The seasons listed here are for units 40 through 42, comprising the Owyhee County area. Check Idaho Fish and Game publications for detailed notes on hunts.

General deer season
Units 40, 41 and 42: Oct 10 - Oct 24 (2-point deer only)

Youth hunt: A small portion of Units 40 & 41 is open for harvest of antlerless deer. See notes 2, 3, and 7, Page 11 of Idaho Fish and Game regulations.

Controlled hunts, antlered deer:
1022 - Unit 40-1: Nov. 1 – Nov. 24
1023 - Unit 41: Nov. 1 – Nov. 24
1024 - Unit 42: Nov. 1 – Nov. 24

Elk controlled hunts
2015: Hunt area 40* Sept. 25 – Oct. 14
2016: Hunt area 40* Oct. 15 – Nov. 24

Antlerless elk controlled hunts
2088: Hunt area 40* Oct. 15 – Nov. 24
*Hunt Area 40 — All of units 40 and 42

Pronghorn antelope, either-sex controlled hunt, pronghorn antelope
4006: Unit 40-1* Sept. 25 – Oct. 24
4007: Unit 42:** Sept. 25 – Oct. 24
*Hunt Area 40-1 — All of unit 40.
**Hunt Area 42 — That portion of unit 41 west of State Highway 51 and all of unit 42.

Pronghorn antelope, either-sex muzzle-loader only
4033: Unit 41 Sept. 25 – Oct. 24

Mountain Lion season
Unit 40*: Aug. 30 – Mar. 31 and Oct. 5 – Nov. 24

Units 41, 42: Aug. 30 – Jun. 30 and Oct. 5 – Nov. 24 - Electronic calls may be used
*The take season in this unit will remain open for either sex until the female quota is reached or the take season ends. After the female quota has been reached, the take season in this unit will remain open for males only.

Wolves
While there may or may not be wolves in Owyhee County, there is a season this year, to run in the county units until five are bagged.
Units 40-42: Oct. 1 – Dec. 31

WMAs stocked with pen-raised pheasants for 2009

CJ Strike among areas listed; youth season ends Friday

by Jerry Deal

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will continue stocking pen-reared pheasants on Southwest Region Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) — including the CJ Strike WMA — for the 2009 fall season.

CJ Strike, Fort Boise, Payette River and Montour WMAs will be stocked throughout the season, which runs from Oct. 17 to

Dec. 31.

Because upland game rules are set on a two-year cycle, hunters can expect no significant rule changes from last year. However, there will be a few more birds available. Last year, 7,635 pheasants were distributed on four regional WMAs and this year 9,673 will be available. That includes 300 birds that were released in preparation for the

youth hunt season, which runs through Friday.

Some rules are different on areas where pen-reared pheasants are released. A WMA pheasant permit, which covers a portion of the stocking program cost, is required. The \$23.75 permit allows for the harvest of up to six pheasants (note that the daily bag limit is two birds, with four in possession after the first day of the season).

Upland game hunters must also wear at least 36 square inches of visible hunter orange above the

waist during pheasant season. Complete WMA hunting rules for pheasant and other upland species are available in a printed booklet or on line at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/rules/ug/full_booklet.pdf.

The pheasant stocking schedule, which lists the number of birds to be released at each WMA each week, will also be available online at http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/pheasant/stocking_schedule.cfm prior to the season opener. Keep in mind that the exact release times and

dates are not published in order to give everyone a fair chance of harvesting a pheasant. On busy areas such as Fort Boise and Montour WMAs, most birds are often harvested within a day or two of being released. On CJ Strike WMA, some stocked birds usually survive a little longer, but hunters will have to work the heavy cover to find them.

— Jerry Deal is a habitat manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Southwest Region.

Upland game bird, rabbit hunting seasons open soon

Hunters will soon be back in the field as fall weather arrives. Seasons this year for upland birds and rabbits break down as given below. Hunters should check the 2009-2010 regulations for specific information on the areas in which they intend to hunt.

Pheasant

Area 3: Owyhee, Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley, and Washington Counties (including all islands in the Snake River except Patch and Porter Islands). Hunting hours start at 10 a.m. after opening day on Fort Boise, C.J. Strike, Montour and Payette River Wilderness Management

Areas (WMAs).

2009 season (begins at noon): Oct. 17 through Dec. 31

Daily bag limit: **Three cock pheasant**

Patch and Porter Islands: Seasons begin on the dates shown above. Closing dates will correspond with those set by the Oregon Fish and Game Commission. Check with Southwest Region Office, (208) 465-8465, or see Oregon small game regulations.

Daily bag limit: **Three cock pheasant**

Except C.J. Strike WMA in Owyhee County, Fort Boise WMA (including Gold Island) in Canyon County, birding Island segment of the Payette River WMA in Payette County and

Montour Management Area in Gem County and Niagara Springs WMA in Gooding County: **Two cock pheasant**

Possession Limit after the first day of the season: **Six cock pheasant**

Except C.J. Strike WMA in Owyhee County, Fort Boise WMA (including Gold Island) in Canyon County, birding Island segment of the Payette River WMA in Payette County and Montour Management Area in Gem County and Niagara Springs WMA in Gooding County: **Four cock pheasant**

Bobwhite and California Quail

Area 2: Owyhee, Ada, Adams, Benewah, Blaine, Boise, Bonner, Boundary, Camas, Canyon,



Cassia, Clearwater, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Payette, Shoshone, Valley, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Washington Counties.

2009 season: Sept. 19 through Jan. 31, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: **10 in the aggregate**

Possession Limit after the first day of the season: **20 in the aggregate**

Chukar and Gray Partridge (Huns)
Entire state open

2009 season: Sept. 19 through Jan. 31, 2010

Daily Bag Limit: **Eight Chukar and eight Gray Partridge**

Possession Limit after the first day of the season: **16 Chukar and 16 Gray Partridge**

Rabbits and Hares
Entire state open

2009 seasons:

Cottontails: Sept. 1 through Feb. 28, 2010

Daily bag limit: **Eight cottontails**

Possession Limit after the first day of the season: **16 cottontails**

South Mountain Livestock 4-H news

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club completed its community project on Sept. 17. The club raised money, helped design and erected “Welcome to Jordan Valley” signs.

The kids wanted to do a community project this year that would leave a mark; that years from now they could actually see something that they did for their community.

The club solicited donations from the area’s ranchers to have their brands put on the signs. This was to help pay for the project. They also thought of it as a way

for everyone in the community to also leave their mark.

The signs are standing on each end of town. They are 4-foot-by-8-foot oblong metal with 8-foot metal posts. They have a scenic picture of what Jordan Valley represents to the club members and what Jordan Valley is known for: “Home of the Big Loop”, with all the brands as framing.

We had a good 4-H year and ended by doing a great project.

So on your next trip to or through Jordan Valley, make sure to slow down and look at these unique signs.



Jordan Valley 4-H’ers leave mark on town

The South Mountain Livestock 4-H club includes, from left, Bryce Kershner, Regann Skinner, Taylor Warn, Kasen Skinner, Ben Telleria and Nathan Elsner. Not pictured: Tom Nelson, Sage Raine, Curtis Waddington, Abby Waddington, Garrett Youren and Stephanie Youren. Photo by Teresa Kershner

Byway public review slated

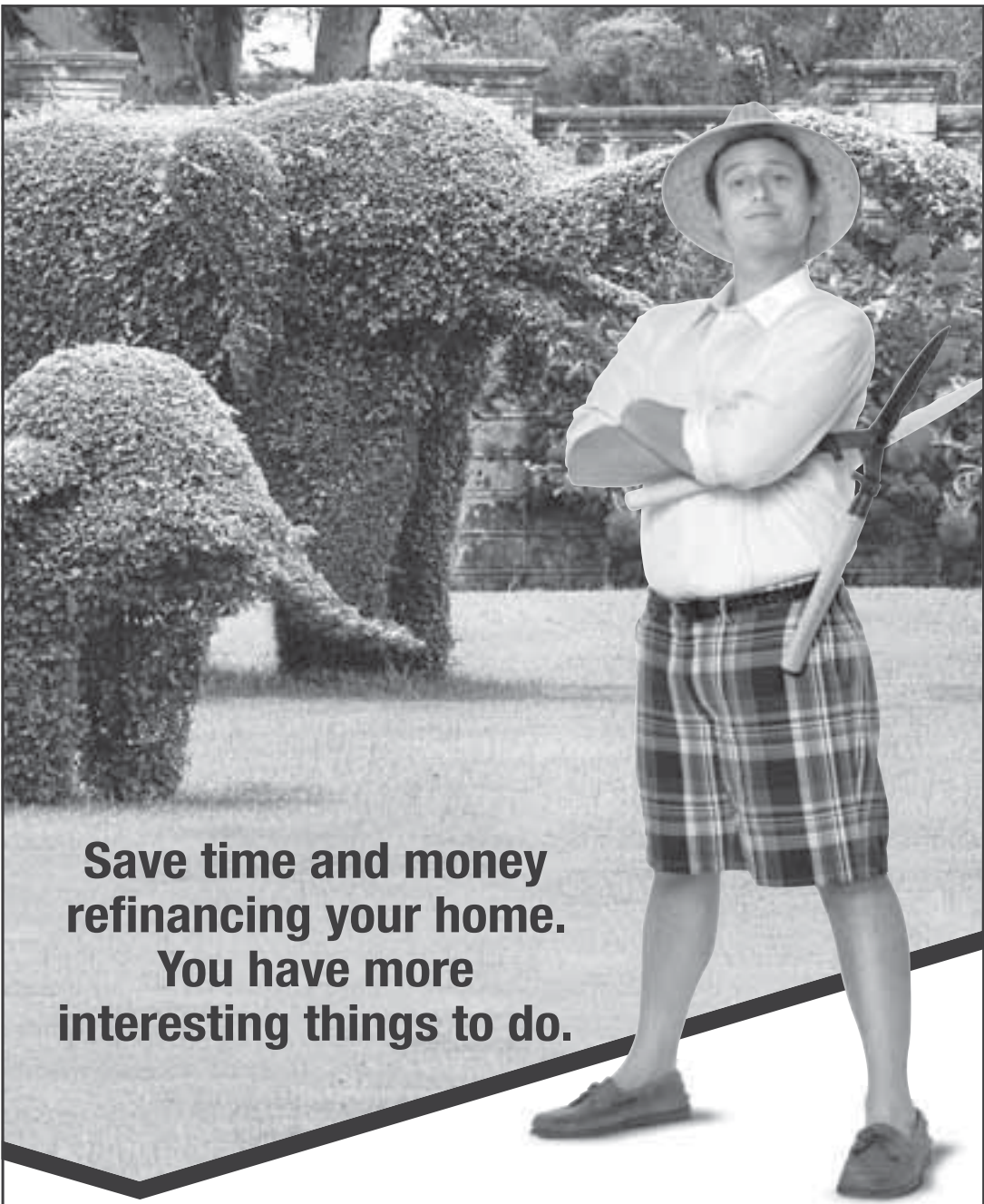
Residents will have a chance to weigh in on the draft Snake River Canyon Scenic Byway (SRCSB) Corridor Management Plan on Tuesday at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The SRCSB, some signs for which are already up in Canyon County, is “the only Idaho byway with an agricultural focus. (It) extends along the western portion of the county from ... Parma to Walter’s Ferry in ... Canyon County,” said a recent release. The City of Marsing has been involved in

promoting the community as part of the 53-mile byway for the past year. Marsing lies at the terminus of the byway’s primary route.

According to the release, the plan selects 14 significant sites, including the Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area, hops fields, Map Rock, Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, vineyards and orchards, and a proposed overlook site southeast of Givens.

Open house presentations will present the plan and organizers will take public comment



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Owyhee Canyonlands honored among best books of '08

A book collecting photographs of the rugged Owyhee scenery received an honorable mention among three books chosen as finalists in the 2008 Idaho Book of the Year awards given by the Idaho Library Association Book Award Committee.

The book, *Owyhee Canyonlands*, contains the photography of Mark Lisk of Boise, with an essay on the canyonlands by William Fox. It was published in 2008 by Caxton Press, and received one of two honorable mentions in the contest this year.

Lisk is very familiar with the area, and

high desert photography in general.

"I grew up in Nampa and have always been geographically close to the Owyhee desert," he wrote in response to an inquiry from the Owyhee Avalanche. "Much of my childhood was spent exploring this part of the country, so shooting this book was a natural evolution to my photographic career. The constant gain in population, and the current conservation movements, have begun to put more pressure on this unique area. This area has always been a special place for me, and I

was driven to produce a book that was not political in nature. A book that showed the beauty of the place, and how the place has shaped its inhabitants."

Part of the reason for the book was preservation; Lisk believes that keeping the Owyhees as they are now is important.

"There are fewer and fewer areas like these in America," he said. "I wanted to show the beauty of the Owyhee Canyonlands, and hopefully inspire all to take care of it, keeping it as beautiful today for all of us tomorrow."

"The book took two years to shoot; mostly shooting in the spring and fall. The book project is over, but I find myself out shooting in the Owyhees much of the time," Lisk said. "The explorations that took place during the shooting of the book allowed me to travel much of the desert; enough to make me realize that I have just explored the tip of the iceberg and there is a lifetime of exploration still out there."

Lisk owns a photography business and gallery in Boise.

— MML



Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker, right, accepts his award Thursday in Boise from Sage board member Bryan Wewers of Idaho Power. Submitted photo

Homedale Chamber of Commerce head honored by Sage

Sage award salutes Parker for LID, grant work

Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker received recognition for his work to improve the city's infrastructure during a dinner Thursday night in Boise.

Sage Community Resources honored the Homedale native with the Dr. Robert K. Wood Award. The program accompanying the annual Sage board of directors dinner said the award, named for a longtime Sage board member, recognizes voluntary service.

Parker's work for a block grant and a Local Improvement District for his hometown were singled out in the program text.

"It means a lot to be recognized by Sage. My economic development work with the Chamber of Commerce is to help make Homedale a better place to work and live," Parker said. "I don't do it for the recognition, but it's nice to know the work isn't going unnoticed."

Parker has been a voice in Homedale's push to establish a Local Improvement District as part of a downtown revitalization plan. He has served as Chamber president for the past three years after starting his time on the executive board as vice president.

He accepted the award from

Bryan Wewers of Idaho Power Co., who is a Sage board member. The dinner took place at the Oxford Suites Hotel.

Accompanying Parker to the dinner were his wife, Andrea, and Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson and his wife, Mary.

Parker speculated that the effort to secure an Idaho Community Development Block Grant from the state Department of Commerce probably was a deciding factor in the award. He was chosen from nominees spanning the 10 counties served by Sage.

"It was a great team effort, including the city, the Western Alliance (for Economic Development) and Sage," Parker said of the campaign to secure the \$500,000 grant. "I really look forward to completing the project and moving forward with future economic development projects in Homedale."

The article in the event program hailed Parker's efforts.

"Gavin is passionate about a resurgent Chamber of Commerce and the economic development and revitalization efforts in the Homedale community," it read. "Civic leaders continually seek his counsel and involvement as the city moves forward to plan for future growth."

"He is an asset to the community where he was raised and is now giving back to improve the city where he is raising his family."

— JPB

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Ryan Nelson, foreground, and Mark Nelson (no relation) of Complete Bowling Service work to determine proper support height for the portion of lane one that is set to be replaced.

Owyhee Lanes gets facelift, new material

Bowlers will get to try out a brand new surface following the expected completion of lane resurfacing at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale last week.

The alley’s venerable lanes have had a new synthetic surface added, and the first 12 feet or so of lanes one and two have been completely replaced, right down to the supporting layers.

In addition to new, flat, solid lanes, the first four lanes will now be fitted with retractable bumpers, allowing for four bumpered games to be played at once, co-owner Donna Marose said.

The lands that were partly

removed were the pair she believed had been purchased, many years back, from a bar in the Homedale area and transplanted to Owyhee Lanes.

The old lanes will still be present, and, with the exception of the two sections excised, will simply be leveled and clad with the new material.

The synthetic surface is a thicker, tougher relative of the melamine used in countertops, Mark Nelson of Complete Bowling Service said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony attended was held Saturday to celebrate the re-opening.



... In with the new

Owyhee Lanes held a ribbon-cutting on Saturday to celebrate the opening of the resurfaced alleys. From left, those attending were Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker, Dusti Marose, daughter of Owyhee Lanes co-owner Donna Marose (cutting the ribbon), Marose’s daughter, Ali Abbott, Youth League representative Aaron Hergesheimer, a Homedale resident, and Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson. Submitted photo

New business opens in Grand View



Owyhee Barber and Beauty opens doors

The first new business in some time opened its doors recently in Grand View, as Owyhee Barber and Beauty hung out its shingle. Mayor Paul Spang helped Tamara Warren cut the ribbon on Sept. 15.

The shop, located at 345 Main Street, will be open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and walk-ins are welcome, the release said. Warren can be reached at 834-2888.


Warren has been a hairdresser for 30 years, and a resident of Idaho for 20.

“I just like the community,” she said of her opening the business. “There’s a need ... there’s not another one in town. This is what I do. I was kind of hoping the community will take to me.”

Submitted photo

Idaho 19 Corridor Study


The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is developing a 10-year plan to identify current and future highway needs for Idaho State Highway 19, beginning at Caldwell and extending to Wilder, then south through Homedale to the Oregon State Line.



Please join ITD for one of four identical workshops to identify Idaho 19 needs and improvements in your area.

— Meeting Locations —

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. -- or -- 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Caldwell Public Library 1010 Dearborn St., Caldwell, ID	Thursday, October 15, 2009 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. -- or -- 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Homedale Senior Center 224 W. Idaho, Homedale, ID
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For information, visit itd.idaho.gov, go to Projects, Southwest Idaho, Idaho 19 Corridor Study

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Masons serve up scholarship breakfast

CERT training starting up again

Those in the Homedale area will have a chance to eat out for a cause Sunday morning, as the Homedale Masonic Lodge Scholarship Breakfast is served.

The event, held at the Silver City Lodge No. 13 at 18 W. Idaho Ave. in Homedale, starts at 8 a.m. and will serve diners at \$5 each until 1:30 p.m.

The meal is an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice and "Ava's red syrup".

A Mason's release said scholarships had been awarded this year to students from the towns of Parma, Wilder, Marsing and Homedale.

Members of the Boise Lodge will be on hand to help make children's fingerprinting and identity kits for parents, lodge member Bill Shaw said Thursday.

Registration is now being taken for the next round of free training for the Owyhee County Citizens Emergency Response Team.

Training is open to anyone 15 or older. Call Marlene Moore at (208) 896-5630 to register.

The nine-month series of classes begins Nov. 20 and instruction will be held on the third Saturday of each month.

Classes will cover disaster preparedness, light fire suppression/fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, CERT organization and more.

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Floats, fireworks and fun

Clockwise, from above: Freshmen fill the role of waffle cones as seniors strive to make the tallest sundae during Wednesday's post-parade pep rally. Festivities Friday were capped with the traditional Homecoming Fireworks show. Seniors Ethan Salove, Ty Shippy and Sammy Olvera had their own flashdance moves at the dance contest Wednesday, revealing MHS emblazened across their chests. The Husky Mascot takes the sophomore dance team through its paces. Members of the junior class "cast" in full Wizard of Oz regalia ride on the first-place float from Wednesday's parade.



Marsing Homecoming 2009



Marsing Homecoming Royalty

This year's crowned royalty were seniors Sammy Olvera and Mayra Rodriguez, with Prince and Princess honors going to juniors Oscar Ceballos and Josie Grimm. Attendants were Alicia Gracia and Angel Lopez (freshmen), and Deidre Briggs and Bernardo Galvez (sophomores). Senior candidates included Jessie Cossel, Zack Hayes, Charli Bradshaw, Brandon Walgamott, Alexis Senften, Tony Beagley, Libby Wieser and Ethan Salove. Pictures of the crownings had not arrived as of press time.

Homecoming contest results

With total points scored at 1,325, the senior class emerged victorious in yearly class competitions. All four classes took 200 points in the gym poster contest; the seniors took 275 and the title in the Spirit Log competition; the junior class took first with its float, based on the Wizard of Oz, while the seniors took second with theirs, themed after the musical Grease; seniors won both dress-up days for 50 points each day; volleyball and powderpuff football both went to the sophomores and juniors, and the seniors rounded out their score with a 250-point win in the tug of war.





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<div><div>Gold-n-Plump Chicken Drumsticks & Thighs</div><div></div><div>\$2.29 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Pork Slab Spare Ribs</div><div></div><div>\$1.49 lb.</div></div>	<div><div>Cauliflower & Broccoli</div><div></div><div>79¢ lb.</div></div>	<div><div>Dole Salad Kits</div><div></div><div>2 \$4 for</div></div>
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<div><div>Western Family Canned Fruit</div><div></div><div>99¢ ea.</div></div> <div><div>15-15.25 oz.</div></div> <div><div>Western Family 8 oz. Tomato Sauce</div><div>3 \$1 for</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Chicken Noodle & Tomato Soups</div><div></div><div>69¢ ea.</div></div> <div><div>10.5-10.75 oz.</div></div> <div><div>Western Family 7.25 oz. Mac & Cheese Dinner</div><div>2 \$1 for</div></div>	<div><div>Coca Cola Products</div><div></div><div>\$4.99 ea.</div></div> <div><div>12pk 12oz Cans</div></div> <div><div>2 Liter Bottle Coke Products</div><div>\$1.39 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Budweiser or Coors Beer</div><div></div><div>\$13.99 ea.</div></div> <div><div>18pk Cans 20pk Bottles</div></div> <div><div>24pk 12oz Cans Natural Light or Ice Beer</div><div>\$11.99 ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Western Family 1/2 Gallon Milk</div><div>\$1.69 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Tomato & Vegetable Juice 46 oz.</div><div>\$1.79 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Quick & Regular Old Fashioned Oats 42 oz.</div><div>\$2.39 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Yoplait Yogurt 6 oz.</div><div>69¢ ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Western Family Cottage Cheese 24 oz.</div><div>\$2.19 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Shasta Soda 12pk Cans</div><div>\$2.79 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Spaghetti & Elbow Macaroni 48 oz.</div><div>\$2.59 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Doritos 14.5-15oz Ruffles & Sunchips 9.5-10.5 oz.</div><div>\$2.99 ea. \$3.49 ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Western Family Canned Vegetables 14.5-15.25 oz.</div><div>69¢ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Premium Drinking Water 24pk</div><div>\$4.39 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Pasta Sauce 26 oz.</div><div>\$1.39 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Marie Callender's Pot Pies 10 oz.</div><div>\$2.19 ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Western Family Chunk Light Tuna in Water 5 oz.</div><div>69¢ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Canned Tomatoes 14.5 oz.</div><div>69¢ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Buttermilk Pancake Mix 7 lb.</div><div>\$6.69 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Frozen Punch 12 oz.</div><div>\$1.09 ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Western Family Apple Juice & Cider 64 oz.</div><div>\$1.79 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Mushroom Pieces & Stems 4 oz.</div><div>59¢ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Imitation Pancake Syrup 128 oz.</div><div>\$6.99 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Premium & Creamy Select Ice Cream 56oz</div><div>\$3.59 ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Premium Saltine Crackers 16 oz.</div><div>\$2.79 ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Canned Beans 15 oz.</div><div>79¢ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Salad Dressings & Seasoning Mix Foil Packs</div><div>39¢ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Econo Detergent 30 lb.</div><div>\$8.09 ea.</div></div>

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